as Indian citizens so far, and of these who have been actually repatriated to India;

(c) the number of persons of Indian, origin who have applied for registratiofl as Sri Lankan citizens and of those who have been registered.

(d) the percentage of fulfilment of the Sri Lankan and Indian quotas at t*he* end of 199'4; and

(e) the number of persons of Indian origin who remain Stateless and the percentage they form of the total number of stateless persons at the time of the agreement'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Under the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement. High Commission of India in Colombo and Assistant High Commission of India in Kandy, have r;gistered and granted Indian citizenship to 5,92,919 persons of Indian origin (accountable 4,20,319 plus natural increase 1,72,600) upto 31-3-95.

(b) Under 1964 and 1974 Agreements, a total number of 5,06,000 (accountable) persons of Indian Origin applied to High Commission of India in Colombo and Assistant High Commission of India itt Kandy for registration and to acquire Indian citizenship, Out of this number, 4,20,319 accountable plus 1,72,600 na tural increase i.e. a total of 5,92,919 persons hae been registered and granted Indian citizenship upto 31-3-1995. Of these, 4,61,999 persons have been re patriated up to 31-12-94.

(c) Under the Agreements of 1964 and 1974 and the 1986 Accord. Sri Lanka Government agreed to grant Sri Lankani citizenship to 4,69.000 (accountable) p;r-3ons of Indian origin. The Sri Lanka Government granted Sri Lankan citizen ship to 3,37,620 (accountable 2,37,151 plus natural increase 1,00,469) till 3I.I2-1988. The balance 2,31,849 state less persons of Indian origin have been absorbed as Sri Lankans under the "Grant of Citizenship to Stateless Persons (Spe cial Provisions) Act No. 39 of 1988."

(d) The grant of Sri Lanka citizenship is linked with the ,grant of Indian citizenship in the ratio of 4:7. The figures of registration of persons of Indian origin who have acquired Sri Lankan citizenship have not been furnish-ed by the Sri Lankan Govenunent after 31-12-1988. Therefore, it is not possible to furnish the percentage of fulfilment of Sri Lankan and Indian quotas.

(e) At 'he time of the implementation of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement there were 9,75,000 stateless persons of Indian origin residing in Sri Lanka. After the) "Grant of Citizenship to Stateless Persons (Special Provisions) Act No. 39 of 1988" the balance has been absorbed as Sri Lankan citizens and as such there is no stateless persons of Indian origin remaining in Sri Lanka except for those stateless persons who have applied for Indian citizenship to High Commission of India in Colombo and Assistant High Commission of India in Kandy. There were as on 28-2-1995, 73,563 persons of Indian origin (accountable 70,044 plus 3519 natural increase) who have applied for registration as Indian citizens but haave not shown any interest in acquiring Indian citizensbip. Their percentage is approximately 7.5 per cent of the original figure of 9.75,000.

Delay in payment of retirement dues by the Ministry of External Affairs

4558. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have receiv ed any complaints of retired officials re garding the non-payment of their retire ment dues and related matters, as reported in The Hindustan Times of 3rd April, 1995:

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in settlingi such cases in his Ministry;

(c) the number of such cases {pending for more than one month, more than three months and more than Six months;

(d) whether any responsibility has been, fixed on the officers responsible for such delays; if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken against those responsibte therefor: and

(e) what action is proposed to be taken to ensme that retirement benefits are paid to the retiring eraployees on or before the dats of retirement as is being done in other Govenment offices, in accordance with the directives issued by the Department of Personnel and Pensions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE VIINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (*SHRI* R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) in most cases retirement dues are paid promptly. In some cases short delays jn payment of some retirment dues occur because of non-settlement of audit objections relating to payments made to officers during their careers and lacunae in their Service Books.

(c) The number of cases in which per-sion payment orders have to issue are:

(i)	more than six months	4
Iii)	more than three months	7
(iii)	more than one month	*12*

(d) Doe; not atise.

(e) The Ministry' has and wiU continue to emphasise to all ajmcemed officers to ensure that there i's no delay in Pay-(uent 0l retirement dues.

Keview of Indo-Nepal Treaty

4559 SHRI O. P. K.1IOII.
SHRI GQVINDRAO ADIK:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH; SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

WiU the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-FAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether The Prime Minister of Nepal, Shri Man Mohan Adhikari, during his recent visit to our country, had urged India io review the 1950 Indo-Nepal Friendship Treaty to conform to the changed circumstances.

(b)' if so , the specific changes that he wanted to be made in the Treaty; and

(c) the reaction of Goverrmient thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI k. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) During the visit to India of the Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. Mau Mohan Adhikari from 10-14 April, 1995, the discuSisions covured different aspects of bilateral relations, including review of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship of 1950. The two sides agreed to continue discussion's on this and all relevant issues of bilateral interest ul the apprapriate level of the two countries. No precise proposals tor specifii changes in the treaty were made during the visit.

Letfors written by MPs; to the MEA

4560. .SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL:' Will the Minister of EXTERNAf,.: AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(ii) what is the mumber of letters written by the Members of Parliament to the Ministry during the pcriod from. 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995;

(b) what is the number of Setter's ack-nowledged out of them;

ifi) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replied were sent:
and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry, containing positive and negative replies, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINiSTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (*d)* The information is being collected and will be laid an the table of the House.